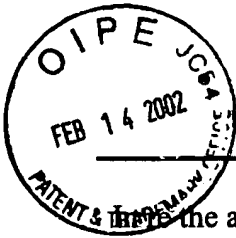


# 7/A  
217-2-02  
M.L.



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

the application of: Scott S. Lawton

Serial No.: 09/970,160

Filed: October 2, 2001

For: *Enhanced Method and System for Category Selection*

Attorney Docket No.: CTK-001.01

Group Art Unit: 2171

Examiner: Unassigned

Box: No Fee Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

RECEIVED

FEB 22 2002

Technology Center 2100

CERTIFICATE OF FIRST CLASS MAILING

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service, postage prepaid, as First Class Mail in an envelope addressed to Commissioner for Patents, Washington, DC 20231 on February 4, 2002.

William D. DeVaul

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Prior to examination of the above identified application please ~~delete~~ the paragraph following the section title "Reference to Related Applications" and replace it with the following:

—This application claims the benefit of and incorporates by reference the following applications:

U.S. Provisional Application Serial No. 60/237,243 filed on October 2, 2000;  
Method and System of Entering Search Criteria Using Multiple Entry Fields per Data Element,  
U.S. Serial No. 60/238,577 filed October 6, 2000; Method and System for Combining User-Supplied Sort Information with Secondary Sort Information, U.S. Serial No. 60/238,791 filed

09970160-022202

AI  
cm.t